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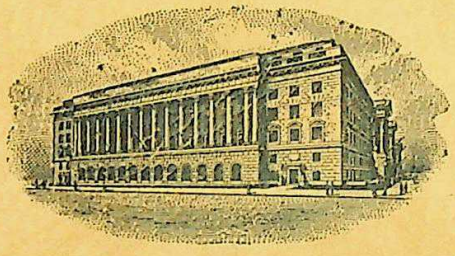
Dedicated to the improvement and appreciation of the United States patent system



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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

As I reflect upon the activities of your Society during the past year, I am keenly aware that such harmonious and effective operations are made possible only by the unreserved and boundless efforts of many, and by the sincere co-operation and understanding of the membership. With such assistance and counsel in mind, may I express my sincere thanks and genuine appreciation to those many friends and associates who have made another successful year possible.

Legislative Operation

Probably one of the most important activities of the Patent Office Society is in the area of legislation pertinent to and affecting the patent system, the Patent Office, and the personnel associated therewith. This positive and objective approach to many problems has continued unabated since it's inception in 1956 under the expert guidance of your Past President Richard A. Wahl. A number of items are still on the agendum and will be pressed in coming sessions of Congress.

During the current year, as in the past, success of the legislative program is properly and surely ascribed to the dynamic perseverance of your Past President Harold B. Whitmore who has given much of his time and effort as Chairman of your Legislative Committee. As in other Society projects, however, the program is necessarily a joint undertaking; and successful completion is predicated upon timely and effective presentation of the facts to the proper persons. In this area our sincere thanks and gratitude go to our legislative counsel, Mr. Dillard B. Lasseter, whose knowledge, diligence, and hearty cooperation has contributed greatly to the culmination of our legislative program. Our sincere thanks and gratitude are extended also to the members of the Legislative Committee, our many friends and associates in the Patent Bar, staff members of congressional committees, and members of Congress, whose timely and effective actions are greatly appreciated.

The achievements of the Legislative Committee were enumerated in a recent memorandum to the membership; however, certain items are believed worthy of repetition.

The first was the pay bill. The new Federal employee pay law was the final triumph of close cooperation between many organizations. In this field, the Society took on the special task of proving the need for (1) greater pay increases in higher grade positions, and (2) a full 10% increase in pay for all "top-of-grade" situations. The case stated in the Society's widely circulated booklet, "How Low Federal Salaries Are Hurting Government", was influential in putting maximum increases for high level positions into the new law. Repeated conferences between our Legislative Council Dillard B. Lasseter and members of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee were mainly responsible for the presence in the Davis Bill of the mandatory 10% "top-of-grade" increase, later heavily backed in conference by the AFGE and many professional organizations, and retained in the final law.

The second measure involved Patent Office appropriations. Convinced from intimate knowledge of Patent Office operation that the recommended budget of $19,000,000 for fiscal 1959 was inadequate to afford the needed progress called for by the Administration-approved 8-year plan, the Society spared no effort to insure full understanding by all concerned of all that was involved. Questions raised and facts supplied as a result of our efforts resulted in a Senate increase of the $19,000,000 to $21,000,000. The increase was lost in conference; but there is strong reason to believe that better understanding which resulted from the Senate hearings will bring Department and Budget Bureau approval of a 1960 budget that will permit return to our 8-year improvement program.

The third measure was Senate Bill 1864, now Public Law 85-933. This law (1) raises the Commissioner of Patents salary to $20,000; (2) authorizes expanding the Board of Appeals membership from nine to fifteen; and (3) authorizes payment of Board salaries to acting members while serving.

Congress respects what the Patent Office Society is doing. Given that respect, the fair and factual presentations of the Society through testimony at Committee hearings and through the unceasing work of our Legislative Counsel have become increasingly effective.

Official Relations

In recent years the Patent Office Society has earned recognition and respect in the field of administration. Your Society is frequently consulted by administrative officials on matters of job definitions, promotion programs, congressional inquiries and routine administrative problems. During the current year, a proposed Departmental Administrative Order was reported to your Society which could preclude membership in the Society of all administrative officials and supervisory personnel in the Patent Office. A letter was directed to Carlton Hayward, Director of Personnel, requesting clarification and specific exemption of the Patent Office Society from the order. The Society was advised in a letter dated June 11, 1958 that the Patent Office Society and other professional groups were specifically excluded under the terms of the order, as amended.

May I express my sincere gratitude to Chairman Charles R. Hodges and members of the Official Relations Committee, whose counsel and guidance have been invaluable in this area throughout the year.

Social Activities

As in the past, the outstanding social function of the year was our Spring Banquet and Dance, held on April 12, 1958 in the Terrace Room of the Shoreham Hotel. It was well attended by the membership and friends including our Commissioners, representatives of the Office of the Secretary, the Court of Customs and Patent appeals, the Patent Bar, the Republic of Korea, and our legislative counsel. The speaker of the evening, Robert Ramspeck, former Congressman, Civil Service Commissioner, and author of the Ramspeck salary promotion act, delivered a timely and welcomed

admonition with respect to the future of civil service employees and the status of the retirement system. Both subjects have been very much in the news recently.

Our Fall events included a visit to the Bethlehem Steel plant in Baltimore and a very delightful and informal "Welcome Home" dinner at the Fairfax Hotel on November 17, 1958. At the latter function, Commissioner Watson reported on the Lisbon International Conference and introduced President De Haan of the Netherlands Patent Office, who further discussed the Conference and gave us an interesting insight of the Netherlands Patent Office and it's personnel. I am sure, however, that a highlight of the evening was a most entertaining diversion into the field of bull fighting, as so charmingly presented by Mrs. Watson. Thank you Mrs. Watson. May we call on you again in the future?

A sincere vote of thanks goes to the members of the Social Committee and especially to Ted Streule, Chairman, who suggested the two Fall events and who effected the necessary arrangements for all functions.

Affiliations

Under the dynamic leadership of your Vice-President and chairman of the Affiliations Committee, John Farmakides, much work has been done in this area. Several meetings with representatives of other government societies of scientists and engineers were arranged resulting in the establishment of a nucleus of a government-wide association of such professional personnel. Application for membership in the American Association for the Advancement of Science (A.A.A.S.) was made on October 10, 1958. The Society has also become associated with the George Washington Foundation on Patents, Trademarks, and Copyrights. As the year closes several items are still under consideration by the Committee.

Revision of the Constitution

On December 8, 1958 Chairman Richard A. Wahl presented several revisions of the Constitution; which were approved by your Executive Committee. These changes were adopted by the membership on December 18 by a vote of 117 to 43 in favor of the amendments. The current elections proceeded in conformity with the constitution, as amended.

Operational Committees

And now we come to the several committees which are concerned with the internal operation of the Society; and while many feel that these positions are merely routine and sometimes thankless, such committees and incumbents are most important. Without a framework of dedicated members, the Society cannot perform it's organizational functions and attain it's desired goals and objectives.

For example, the Membership Committee under the direction of Chairman Franklin T. Garrett received and compiled a record membership of 949 members, 685 of which were subscribers to the *Journal.* I would like to thank Frank and the committee for their excellent work.

The Auditing Committee, Richard A. Douglas, Chairman, performed it's important function willingly, effectively, and with dispatch. Thank you gentlemen.

The Election Committee, which has officiated at all voting functions under the chairmanship of Miss Martha Rice, conducted the current election and the vote on the constitutional amendments in a most effective manner. Thank you for a job well done.

Since no unusual matters arose during the year, the Advisory Steering Committee with George A. Ninas as chairman was not called upon; but stood ready to serve when and if needed. Thank you for your patience.

The Patent Office Society Journal

While the publication of the *Journal* is technically a function of the Patent Office Society and is so entitled, it's composition, publication, and management are in the hands of a most capable, efficient, and self-sufficient staff. The responsibility for gathering and screening material for publication, and the composition and printing of the *Journal* rests with the editorial staff so expertly directed since 1942 by it's Editor In Chief, Mr. John H. Merchant, Director of Trademark Operations. The managerial duties, such as purchase of paper, execution of all business and financial aspects of the *Journal*, and maintenance of comprehensive records of the operation, are reliably and efficiently performed by Mr. Arthur M. Horton, Business Manager, and his capable staff.

The 12 issues of the *Journal* for the calendar year 1958 comprises approximately 910 pages of text which is about average for the past few years. The December issue is devoted entirely to the fourth decennial index covering the years 1949 through 1958, Volumes 31-40.

There has been a marked increase in the material submitted for publication, and at the end of the year there was available a sizeable backlog of articles which will be published during the next calendar year. The increase in material submitted by Patent Office personnel has been encouraging and it is trusted that this trend which began a year or so ago will continue.

During the past year the printing operation has been returned to the usual schedule and practically all issues of the *Journal* during the past year were distributed to the readers during the month of publication.

In conclusion, may I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to the Officers of the Society, the members of the several committees, the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners, and members of the administrative staff for

their willing cooperation throughout the year. Without such dedication, understanding, and assistance, your Society would be noticeably ineffective if not wholly impotent.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURENCE V. EFNER,

President.

PATENT OFFICE SOCIETY

Statement of Financial Operations for 1958

Receipts:			
Membership dues and Journal subscriptions		$ 3,429.50	
Interest:			
Capital City Savings & Loan Assn.	$ 300.96		
Patent Office Federal Credit Union	205.10		
U. S. Treasury 2½% Bond	37.50	543.56	$ 3,973.06
Disbursements:			
Representative Counsel		$ 1,800.00	
Dinner Expenses, Apr. 1958 and Nov. 1958	$ 2,430.40		
Less ticket sales	1,446.00	984.40	
Flowers in Memoriam		72.63	
Miscellaneous (Printing, etc.)		417.64	3,274.67
Net profit for 1958			$ 698.39

STATEMENT OF ASSETS

Assets:

	12/31/57	12/31/58	Increase	Decrease
Second National Bank	$ 628.22	$ 820.55	$ 192.33	
Capital City Savings and Loan Assn.	5,199.96	5,500.92	300.96	
Patent Office Federal Credit Union	4,286.34	4,491.44	205.10	
U. S. Treasury 2½% Bond	1,500.00	1,500.00		
	$11,614.52	$12,312.91	$ 698.39	

M. G. DITTO,

Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE JOURNAL

RECEIPTS

From Subscribers:		
For arrears	$ 10.90	
For 1958 subscriptions	9,348.04	
Advance payments	2,891.75	
Total		$12,250.69
From Advertisers:		
For arrears	885.57	
For 1958 advertising	4,619.35	
Total		5,504.92
From Sale of Single Copies:		
Back issues	315.70	
1958 copies	152.58	
Miscellaneous publications	8.00	
Total		476.28
From Miscellaneous:		
Money collected for binding	48.75	48.75
Total Receipts		$18,280.64
Adjusted bank balance Dec. 31, 1957:		
Arlington Trust Co.	$ 6,868.17	
Federalsburg Post Office Account:		
Balance Dec. 31, 1957	146.19	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1957	5.20	
Total		7,019.56
TOTAL		$25,300.20

DISBURSEMENTS

For printing the Journal	$ 9,774.32	
For paper	5,509.80	
For postage and express	138.18	
For Federalsburg postage	182.79	
Compensation and expense for staff	2,760.00	
Binding for members	71.25	
Stationery and miscellaneous	712.99	
Total		$19,149.33
Adjusted bank balance Dec. 31, 1958:		
Arlington Trust Co.	$ 6,057.57	
Federalsburg Post Office Account:		
Balance Dec. 31, 1958	88.40	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1958	4.90	
Total		6,150.87
TOTAL		$25,300.20

Analysis of 1958 Journal Operations

Receipts:

From subscribers for 1958 Journal:		
Payments prior to 1958	$ 2,674.40	
Membership subscriptions	1,027.50	
Payments during 1958	9,348.04	
Total		$13,049.94
From advertisers:		
Payments during 1958		4,619.35
From sale of 1958 Single Copies		152.58
Total Receipts		$17,821.87

Expenditures:

Printing (12 issues)	9,903.54	
Cost of paper 1958 Journal	3,525.00	
Postage and express	138.18	
Federalsburg postage	182.79	
Compensation and expense for staff	2,760.00	
Stationery and miscellaneous	712.99	
Transferred to General Treasury	1,027.50	
Total Expenditures		$18,250.00
Deficit		428.13

Arrears Collected

For advertising	$ 885.57	
For subscriptions	10.90	
For single copies, back issues	315.70	
Miscellaneous receipts	8.00	
Total		$ 1,220.17
TOTAL BALANCE (surplus)		$ 792.04

For December 1958 there were 3,863 names on the *Journal* mailing list. Of this number 685 were members of the Society.

We have been advised that printing charges will be increased 10 per cent next year, and the full effect of recent postal rate increases will be felt.

To take care of these added costs the subscription rate to non-members for 1959 is being increased to $5.00 per year.

ARTHUR M. HORTON,
Business Manager.

Committees for 1958

Advisory Steering

G. Ninas, Jr., Ch. (53)
J. MacNab (5)
L. Gaston (50)
J. Farmakides (Class. III)
W. O'Brien (T.M. II)

Affiliation

J. Farmakides, Ch. (Cls. III)
A. LaPoint (45)
J. Sheehan (Class. III)
F. Sadler (28)
R. Wahl (Class. III)
H. Whitmore (55)

Auditing

R. Douglas, Ch. (45)
J. Manian (45)

Election

Martha Rice, Ch. (40)
G. Brilhart (Class. IV)
J. Flynn (63)
D. Leach (52)
J. Leclair (Class. IV)

Legislative

H. Whitmore, Ch. (55)
M. Abramson (T.M. II)
M. Field (69)
W. Ingram (Pers.)
E. Norwig (Comr.)
M. Sterman (60)
J. Stitelman (Class. II)
J. Tayman, Jr. (59)
R. Wahl (Class. III)
K. Walden (12)

Membership

F. Garrett, Ch. (40)
T. Eager (14)
N. Hahn (Bd. of App.)
A. Horton (10)
A. LaPoint (45)
Mrs. Lemp (T.M.)
E. Luckett (Class.)
W. Penn (17)
T. Shear (12)
T. Streule, Jr. (32)
C. Sucalo (32)

Official Relations

C. Hodges, Ch. (49)
A. Ruegg, Jr. (Class. IV)
R. White (15)
R. Windham (3)
R. Wood (37)

Revision of Constitution

R. Wahl, Ch. (Class. III)
A. LaPoint (45)
L. Perlstein (Des.)

Social

T. Streule, Jr., Ch. (32)
S. Stone, Co-Ch. (26)
F. Garrett (40)
M. Hirshfield (26)
Miss King (Lib.)
Miss McCarthy (Ser.)
D. Moorehead (40)
W. O'Brien (T.M. II)
L. Perlstein (Des.)
Mrs. Plocharczyk (Bd.)
R. Rothermel (Pers.)
Miss Shaw (Ser.)
K. Walden (12)

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PATENT OFFICE SOCIETY

AS AMENDED TO

DECEMBER 18, 1958

Constitution of the Patent Office Society

As Amended to Dec. 18, 1958

Art. 1.—Name.

The name of this organization shall be the PATENT OFFICE SOCIETY.

Art. 2.—Objects.

The objects of this Society shall be to further the industrial development of the United States in so far as the patent system is a factor thereof, to promote and foster a true appreciation of the American patent system, to cultivate a high standard of professional ethics among patent practitioners and examiners, and to promote the professional, intellectual and social welfare of the members of the Society.

Art. 3.—Membership.

SEC. 1.—The membership of this Society shall consist of honorary members, active members and associate members.

SEC. 2(a) Every employee of the Patent Office who is engaged in the examination of applications for patents or trademarks or in professional work ancillary thereto, the Draftsmen, and those employees whose classification rating is G.S. 7 or higher and who are heads or assistant heads of non-examining offices, divisions or branches shall be deemed eligible on application and payment of such dues as may be required, for active membership; and every active member shall be deemed eligible to hold an elective position hereunder.

(b) The Executive Committee shall receive and consider nominations or recommendations for honorary membership. Such nominations or recommendations as may be approved by the Executive Committee shall be submitted to the membership of the Society for vote.

(c) Associate membership shall be open to: ex-employees of the Patent Office who were members of the P.O.S. at any time

during their employment, registered patent attorneys or agents, and Federal judges. Application for associate membership shall be passed upon by the committee on membership, and, in case of adverse action by said committee, the application shall be referred to the Executive Committee for final action.

SEC. 3.—Dues of active members shall be fixed by vote of the Society and dues of associate members by vote of the Executive Committee. No dues shall be required of honorary members.

SEC. 4.—Non-payment of dues for an unreasonable time after notice of arrearage has been given shall be considered good cause for dropping a member's name from the roll by a vote of the membership committee.

Art. 4.—Officers, Executive Committee, Elections.

SEC. 1(a) The officers of the Society shall consist of a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer.

(b) There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers, the immediate past-president, and representatives elected from each of the groups as outlined below, there being two representatives from each of the groups 1 through 8 and one from each of the groups 9 through 12.

GROUPS

1. Patent Examining Group I
2. Patent Examining Group II
3. Patent Examining Group III
4. Patent Examining Group IV
5. Patent Examining Group V
6. Patent Examining Group VI
7. Patent Examining Group VII
8. Classification Group
9. Trademark Operations Group
10. Patent Design Group
11. Special Group

    Consisting of:

    (a) Office of the Commissioner
    (b) Office of the Solicitor
    (c) Board of Appeals
    (d) Office of Interferences

(e) Office of Research and Development
(f) Directors and Associate Directors
(Supervisory Examiners)

12. Administrative Office Group
Consisting of:
(a) Organization and Management
(b) Budget and Finance
(c) General Services
(d) Personnel

This Committee shall have general supervision of all activities of the Society not otherwise provided for.

SEC. 2.—The officers and other members of the Executive Committee shall be chosen as hereinafter provided and shall assume office immediately following the close of old business at the next annual meeting of the Society. The president of the Society shall not be eligible for more than three consecutive full terms in office.

SEC. 3.—A vacancy in any elective position other than that of president (see Sec. 7) occurring during the year shall be filled, until the next annual meeting, by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 4(a)—Nominations for officers shall be by petition acknowledging the nominee's willingness to run for a particular office and signed by 15 active members of the Society. Nomination for representative to the Executive Committee shall acknowledge the nominee's willingness to run for representative of one of the specified groups set forth in Art. 4, Sec. 1(b), shall specify the group and must be signed by 10 active members of the Society. The election committee shall investigate and verify the eligibility of each nominee prior to placing the nominee's name on the ballot. The eligibility status of any nominee for any office as to (1) active membership in the Society or (2) location in one of the groups set forth in Art. 4, Sec. 1(b) shall be determined as of the first day of the call for nominations. Location of a member shall be that group in which he or she is officially assigned, by detail or otherwise, except where the detail is for a definite time less than six months.

SEC. 4(b)—At least thirty days before the annual meeting of the Society the Election Committee shall cause each active member of the Society to be notified of a call for nominations,

setting forth the positions to be filled, requirements of a nominating petition and the date on which nominations will close. Nominating petitions shall be delivered to the Election Committee and the date on which nominations shall close shall be at least twenty days prior to the date of the annual meeting but not less than seven calendar days from the day the notification was first issued. No active member may sign more than one nominating petition for each position to be filled; violation of this provision shall invalidate the violating member's signature as to each petition with respect to the particular position involved.

SEC. 5.—At least ten days before the annual meeting the Election Committee shall cause to be delivered to each active member an election ballot alphabetically listing the nominees for each elective position with spaces for write-in votes equal to the number of elective positions in each office. Ballots shall be delivered to each active member to correspond to the official location of each such member as of the first day of the delivery of the ballots. Location of a member shall be in accordance with the last sentence of Sec. 4(a). Ballots shall be cast in person in suitably placed ballot boxes which shall be open on three consecutive days prior to the annual meeting. Election on the ballot shall be by plurality. In the event of a tie vote, election as between the tied nominees shall be conducted at the annual meeting as part of the old business.

SEC. 6.—Upon petition of ten active members any time during the election process (nominating and electing process) alleging a departure from the election procedure prescribed by the Constitution, provided said petition is presented prior to the annual meeting and within 48 hours (exclusive of non-working days) from the time at which the alleged departure occurred, the president shall promptly call a special meeting of the Executive Committee to consider said petition. Should the Executive Committee confirm the existence of said departure, the election process shall be reinstituted at such point as the Executive Committee determines is necessary to have the entire procedure conform to that prescribed.

SEC. 7.—The president shall preside at the meetings of the Society; he shall, with the secretary sign all written contracts

and obligations of the Society, and he shall call and preside over meetings of the Executive Committee when in his judgment meetings thereof are necessary or desirable or whenever there shall be presented to him a written request therefor, signed by three of the members of the Executive Committee, and he shall perform such other duties as the Executive Committee may assign to him, including the appointment, in the absence of another mode of selection provided, of such regular and special committees as they may consider necessary. The president shall prepare an annual report which shall be published and a copy delivered to each active member at least twenty days before the annual meeting. The vice-president (or in his absence, the secretary) shall discharge the duties of the president in case of the absence of the latter or during a vacancy in his office.

SEC. 8.—The secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Society and of the Executive Committee, shall notify members of their election, issue notices of all meetings of the Society, conduct the correspondence, and keep the records, which records and correspondence shall be open to the inspection of members at all reasonable times.

SEC. 9.—The treasurer shall collect and under the direction of the Executive Committee deposit and disburse the funds or invest the same for the benefit of the Society; but the Executive Committee may appoint a Board of not less than two trustees to hold the legal title to the funds so invested. The treasurer shall report at each annual meeting and oftener if required on the state of the funds; his accounts shall be audited by a committee of three members appointed by the president at a meeting of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 10.—Any officer may be removed for cause at any stated meeting of the Society by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, after two weeks' notice to him of the proposed action accompanied by a statement of the charges preferred, and a copy of such charges shall be furnished at the same time to the Executive Committee if they have not originated in the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have power to suspend from the exercise of his office any officer against whom charges have been made pending the action of the Society upon those charges.

Art. 5.—Activities.

SEC. 1.—Affiliation. It shall be the intention of the Society in furtherance of its objects, to become affiliated with other technical societies and other organizations of Federal employees, for such mutual benefit as may under the circumstances be possible.

SEC. 2.—Education. It shall be the intention of this Society, in furtherance of its objects, to provide and maintain such courses of lectures and publications as may under the circumstances be possible.

Art. 6.—Standing Committees.

SEC. 1.—There shall be standing committees appointed by the president from among the active members of the Society, namely; Membership, Affiliation, Education, Official Relationship, Social, Public Relations, Advisory Steering, and Election.

SEC. 2.—The Committee on Membership shall consist of five or more members and in addition to the duties devolving upon it under Art. 2 of this constitution it shall perform such other duties relative to the membership of the Society as may be authorized by the Executive Committee.

SEC. 3.—The Committee on Affiliation shall consist of five or more members, and shall consider and recommend to the Executive Committee the adoption of such means as will further the objects of this Society so far as its relationship to other societies is concerned.

SEC. 4.—The Committee on Education shall consist of five or more members and shall consider and recommend to the Executive Committee the adoption of such means as will further the objects of this Society so far as the imparting of knowledge to the members is concerned.

SEC. 5.—The Committee on Official Relationship shall consist of five or more members and shall consider and recommend to the Executive Committee the adoption of such means as will further the objects of this Society so far as the relationship of the examining corps of the Patent Office is concerned.

SEC. 6.—The Social Committee shall consist of five or more members and shall consider and recommend to the Executive

Committee the adoption of such means as will further the objects of this Society so far as the promotion of social intercourse between members is concerned.

SEC. 7.—The Public Relations Committee shall consist of five or more members and shall consider and recommend to the Executive Committee the adoption of such means as may be thought proper to impart information to the public concerning the Society, the Patent Office and the Patent System.

SEC. 8.—The Advisory Steering Committee shall consist of five or more members who shall review miscellaneous suggestions and present to the Executive Committee for its consideration those which it considers are within the purview of the objects of the Patent Office Society.

SEC. 9.—The Election Committee shall consist of five or more members and in addition to the duties devolving upon it under Art. 4 of this constitution it shall promulgate such rules as necessary to implement the provisions of said Article as to elections, and shall provide the secretary with a complete report of each election.

Art. 7.—Suggestions by Members.

SEC. 1.—Any member of the Society may at any time present to the president of the Society in writing, signed by such member, any suggestion, plan, program, constitutional amendment, or by-law deemed to appertain to the objects or welfare of the Society.

SEC. 2.—It shall be the duty of the president upon the receipt of any writing duly submitted as provided by Sec. 1, of this article to refer the same to an appropriate committee for consideration and report, and it shall be the duty of any committee to which such writing is referred to consider the same and report thereon to the Executive Committee as promptly as possible.

Art. 8.—Meetings.

SEC. 1.—There shall be a regular meeting of the Society during February, of each year, at such time and place as may be set by the Executive Committee.

SEC. 2.—The meeting in February shall be the annual meeting at which the officers and other members of the Executive Committee shall assume office.

SEC. 3.—Upon written request of twenty-four active members, it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to issue a call for a special meeting of the Society, or the Executive Committee may issue such a call upon its own initiative; the call for a special meeting shall set forth the purpose thereof, and no other business shall be transacted at such meeting.

SEC. 4.—Any number above twenty-five present at a meeting of the Society shall be deemed competent to transact business, and each committee shall have authority to determine its own quorum and sub-committees.

SEC. 5.—Honorary and associate members shall have the privilege of attending any meeting of the Society, but only active members shall have the right to vote at such meetings.

SEC. 6.—Roberts' Rules of Order shall be followed in all questions not otherwise provided for in this constitution, which rules may be supplemented by a majority vote or suspended by a two-thirds' vote at any meeting after a count to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Art. 9.—Amendment of Constitution.

An amendment may be proposed by a majority vote at any meeting of the Executive Committee or by a majority vote at any meeting of the Society. The Secretary shall cause to be delivered to each active member a ballot as to the proposed amendment or amendments within thirty days after proposal, and shall provide instructions thereon for return of same. The constituton may be amended by a majority of the votes cast, provided the number of votes cast shall be at least 100. Amendments shall become effective immediately upon adoption unless otherwise provided.